

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Tropical Storm and Armyworms Cause Concerns

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 26, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	95	81	73	69
Corn Harvested	53	31	21	13
Cotton Bolls Opening	16	7	16	26
Peanuts Dug	0	0	0	0
Peanuts Combined	0	0	0	0
Soybeans Setting Pods	88	79	72	79
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	12	6	4	19

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	13	22	37	27	1
Cotton	2	6	43	46	3
Peanuts	0	2	26	67	5
Soybeans	1	5	37	50	7
Livestock	3	5	24	63	5
Pasture & Range	4	6	39	50	1

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	7.0	0	27	73	0
District 20	6.6	3	60	35	2
District 30	5.7	0	17	81	2
District 40	6.1	4	19	76	1
District 50	5.8	3	17	75	5
District 60	5.6	8	30	60	2
State: Current Week	6.2	3	30	65	2
State: Previous Week	4.8	2	14	75	9

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported crop moisture in Jackson County was declining. Don Moore, Director of the AL Experiment Station, confirmed producers in Autauga County were anticipating beneficial rains from Tropical Storm Isaac. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated crops in Bibb and Perry County were in good condition as

a result of scattered showers this past week. According to Karen McDonald, FSA CED, crops in Monroe County look great due to sufficient rains received the last few weeks. Justin Senn, FSA CED, said crops and pastures in Coffee County were in good condition as producers anticipate minimal damage from Tropical Storm Isaac.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, said producers in Marion and Winston County were starting to harvest corn as the crop was getting dryer by the day; additionally, Malone stated the cotton crop was starting to open. Mann confirmed corn harvest has started with most yields averaging over 90 bushels per acre for early planted corn; also, the soybean crop could use additional moisture. McDonald reported previously stressed cotton has improved, and producers have started harvesting corn. Donna Senn, FSA CED, said producers were beginning to harvest corn in Barbour County; in addition, producers were hoping Tropical Storm Isaac does not affect the good condition of the crop. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated moisture was needed for the peanut and cotton crop in Henry County. According to ALFA, farmers near Alabama's Gulf Coast were working almost nonstop to harvest corn before Tropical Storm Isaac could blow down corn stalks.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: According to Malone, producers were harvesting the second cuttings of hay to prevent damage by armyworms. Angela Eubanks, FSA PT, confirmed heavy armyworm infestation of both beet and fall worms in Cullman County. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, stated forages have improved considerably as a result of recent rainfall; however, widespread multi-generation armyworm infestations in many fields throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties were forcing producers to intervene by harvesting hay early or spraying insecticides. Headley said hay was being cut in several areas of Bibb and Perry County. McDonald stated pastures in Monroe County were in good condition. Jones, Jr. reported armyworms were found in Henry County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, August 20, 2012, to
Sunday, August 26, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	75.4	0.01
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	75.4	0.00
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	77.5	0.00
Belle Mina	Belle Mina	AL	72.0	0.00
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	75.4	0.03
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	76.3	0.00
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	78.8	0.13
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	72.1	0.00
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	77.8	0.58
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	76.7	1.62
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	77.0	0.16
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	76.2	1.33
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	75.6	0.00
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	74.6	0.70
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	72.9	0.00
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	75.0	0.00
Jackson	Jackson	AL	76.6	1.60
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	79.1	0.00
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	79.6	0.02
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	76.1	0.03
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	73.6	0.00
Selma	Selma	AL	78.1	0.00
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	73.6	0.00

U.S. Drought Monitor, August 21, 2012

National Weather Service

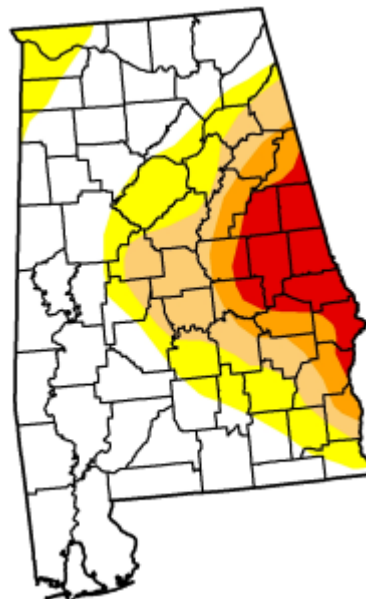
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.05	43.95	27.23	15.36	8.66	0.00
Last Week (08/14/2012 map)	46.49	53.51	27.23	16.25	8.66	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/22/2012 map)	15.46	84.54	48.25	27.03	20.67	2.85
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (08/16/2011 map)	36.10	63.90	53.28	35.04	4.50	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Drought - Extreme
 D1 Drought - Moderate D4 Drought - Exceptional
 D2 Drought - Severe



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